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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) A sum of Rs. 60 lakhs has been allotted for slum clearance and improvement work during 1959–60.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards has been asked to send up concrete proposals for the improvement and clearance of slums in major municipal towns in the districts at a cost of Rs. 32.49 lakhs. No allotment has been made to any municipal town so far as the proposals called for have not yet been received.

MR. SPEAKER : The next two questions also are on slums. They may also be answered.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I will answer question Nos. 280 and 282, as they are general questions. No. 281 relates to a particular slum.

Slum Improvement Scheme

* 280 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any amount has been allotted to Tiruchirappalli Town under Slum Improvement Scheme; and

(*b*) if so, the amount?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 279 given notice of by himself.

Slum Clearance Scheme

* 282 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to extend the Slum Clearance Act to the mufassal towns and the towns to which Slum Clearance Scheme has been extended for the current year?

THE HON. R. VENKATARAMAN : It is proposed to undertake comprehensive legislation for the prevention, improvement, and clearance of slums and acquisition of lands for the purpose, which will extend throughout the State. But the Slum Clearance Scheme of the Government of India is applicable to all slum areas, rural or urban. However, in view of the magnitude of the problem and the limited resources available, the implementation of the schemes was till recently confined to Madras City. It has now been decided to extend the scheme to mufassal areas also Concrete proposals called for from the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards have not yet been received.

SRI. S. LAZAR : திட்டங்கள் இன்ஸ்பெக்டர் ஆப் லோகல் போர்ட்ஸ் அண்டு முனிசிபல் கவுன்ஸிலிடமிருந்து வரவில்லை என்று சொன்னார்கள். சீக்கிரமே வரவழைப்பதற்கு என்ன ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்யப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன? இந்த ஆண்டிலேயே இந்தத் திட்டம் பூராவும் நிறைவேற்றுவதற்கான நடவடிக்கையை இந்த அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துள்ளதா?